

Mr. SINCLAIR (Guysborough): Are any other departments besides Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment and the Canadian National railways outside the jurisdiction of the commission?

Mr. ROWELL: My hon. friend is aware that when the income tax was put into operation the employees in connection therewith were appointed under the authority of the minister of the department. In the Estimates for income tax each year there is a provision for the appointment of officials without requiring examination or selection by the Civil Service Commission.

Mr. McKENZIE: I would like to remind the Minister of Railways that he seems to exercise considerable jurisdiction over the employees of the Government railways.

The CHAIRMAN: We are discussing a Bill to amend the Civil Service Act. The minister has already informed the committee that appointments to positions on the Canadian National railways are not made by the Civil Service Commission. I fear that if we do not leave the railway we shall soon be very far from the matter now under consideration by the committee.

Mr. McKENZIE: Perhaps the committee will permit me to ask the minister one question in reply to what he said.

The CHAIRMAN: The hon. member may proceed, but only with the unanimous consent of the committee.

Mr. McKENZIE: Last year when we were discussing the Grand Trunk Railway Bill some one suggested that the officers of the road might naturally be favourable to switching traffic to Portland. The minister immediately rose and said he would like to see the officer who would undertake to do any such thing while he was Minister of Railways; that if he found any such man in his employ he would make short work of him. Was it under the Civil Service Act that the minister expected to exercise that jurisdiction?

Mr. J. D. REID: Well, that was a long time ago. Before answering that question I would have to refresh my memory as to what I said.

Mr. CAHILL: Are the employees of the Marine and Fisheries Department all under the Civil Service Commission?

Mr. ROWELL: Marine and Fisheries Department, yes.

[Mr. Rowell.]

Mr. CAHILL: The sailors and all others employed by that department?

Mr. ROWELL: All except those in the merchant marine, which is operated in connection with the Canadian National railways.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: That branch would employ the larger number, would it not?

Mr. ROWELL: Of course, a very large number of sailors would be employed in the merchant marine, but the whole transportation system is carried on under or in association with the Board of Management operating the railways.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Could the minister give us any idea as to the number of employees under the control of the Board of Management of the railways and the Merchant Marine as compared with the number of employees of the department who are appointed by the Civil Service Commission?

Mr. ROWELL: I have no idea how many are employed on the railways.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: They are very much the larger number, are they not?

Mr. CAHILL: Are any other departments than these four outside the control of the Civil Service Commission?

Mr. ROWELL: What does my hon. friend mean by the "four"?

Mr. CAHILL: Merchant marine, Railways and Canals, Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment and Income Tax.

Mr. ROWELL: My hon. friend is not correct when he mentions the Department of Railways and Canals. All appointments in that department come under the Civil Service Commission. Appointments to the national system of railways and the national merchant marine do not; they are made by the board of management. Appointments to the Income Tax branch and the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment do not come under the Civil Service Commission, and the Soldier Settlement Board is in the same position in this respect as the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment.

Mr. CAHILL: What is the medium of advertising for men who are required in different places now that the Official Record has gone out of business?